

**761—401.9 (321) Firefighter plates.**

**401.9(1)** *Initial application for firefighter plates.* Application for firefighter plates shall be submitted to the department on a form prescribed by the department. Both the fire chief and another fire officer of the paid or volunteer fire department shall sign the application form, certifying that the applicant is a current or retired member of the fire department. The signatures must be original and notarized. If the fire chief and fire officer deny an application, the department may conduct an investigation and make a determination to approve or deny the application.

**401.9(2)** *Renewal of firefighter plates for a current member.* A new application is required in order to renew firefighter plates issued to a current member. The application shall be submitted to the county treasurer's office.

**401.9(3)** *Renewal of firefighter plates for a retired member.*

*a.* A new application is not required in order to renew firefighter plates issued to a retired member if the initial application for firefighter plates is made after January 1, 2005.

*b.* For firefighter plates issued to a retired member prior to January 1, 2005, a new application is required in order to renew firefighter plates until the plates have been renewed once after January 1, 2005. The application shall be submitted to the county treasurer's office.

**401.9(4)** *Plates.* Firefighter plates are limited to five characters. Personalized plates are not available. When a new series of firefighter plates is issued to replace a current series or the plate has been lost, stolen, or damaged, an applicant may obtain replacement plates containing the applicant's previous plate number upon payment of the statutory fee.

**401.9(5)** *Definitions.* The following definitions apply to this rule:

*"Current"* means a member who has at least one year of service and is in good standing, as determined by the fire chief.

*"Fire officer"* means a member of the same fire department as the applicant and who is second in command to the fire chief.

*"Retired"* or *"officially retired"* means a former member who has a minimum of ten years' total service in good standing, as determined by the fire chief.